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SUBJECT: TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER LETTER TO PRESIDENT  
PEREZ

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED JUNE 30, 1977 FROM  
PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT PEREZ. EMBASSY REQUESTED  
DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PRESIDENT PEREZ QTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

YOUR LETTER REGARDING NORTH-SOUTH COOPERATION, AND FOLLOW-  
UP TO THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPER-  
ATION, CONTAINS A NUMBER OF THOUGHTFUL SUGGESTIONS.  
CIEC, IN OUR VIEW, WHILE ACHIEVING ONLY LIMITED RESULTS,  
DID HELP IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH  
REGARDING RAW MATERIALS, A COMMON FUND, DEBT, MONETARY  
ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES IN OIL-IMPORT-  
ING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AND IN SOME IMPORTANT AREAS  
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SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED. WE ARE, AS YOU  
SUGGEST, EAGER TO CONTINUE A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE IN  
THE FUTURE.

WE WILL PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE UNCTAD NEGOTIATING  
CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER TO ESTABLISH A COMMON FUND WHICH  
EFFECTIVELY SERVES THE INTERESTS OF PRODUCERS AND CON-

SUMERS. AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE, SINCE I CAME TO OFFICE, TAKEN A CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS SUBJECT, AND ADVANCED POSITIVE PROPOSALS IN DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES. WITH RESPECT TO DEBT, WE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAVE MADE A POSITIVE PROPOSAL IN CIEC. MAJOR DIFFERENCES IN PRINCIPLE PREVENTED AGREEMENT FROM BEING REACHED ON THIS SUBJECT. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROPOSAL WE HAVE MADE CAN SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE THE PROCESS FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM.

WITH RESPECT TO THE IMF, SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS IN IMPROVING THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM. IN THE MONTHS AHEAD DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE IN NUMEROUS AREAS. YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT THE US WILL EXAMINE CLOSELY THE VARIOUS IDEAS WHICH HAVE BEEN PROPOSED FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT

IN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM.

WE ARE, AS YOU KNOW, ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN FINDING MEANS OF HELPING OIL-IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP INDIGENOUS ENERGY RESOURCES. OUR OWN AID PROGRAM IS DEVOTING SUBSTANTIAL ATTENTION TO THIS AREA AND WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE WORLD BANK TO DO LIKEWISE. WE WOULD, IN ADDITION, BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEASURES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TOWARD THIS END.

WE ARE ANXIOUS TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS, AS WE KNOW YOU ARE. TO DO SO I HOPE THAT OUR COUNTRIES CAN WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE MAXIMUM PROGRESS IN THOSE FORUMS IN WHICH TANGIBLE RESULTS ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE ACHIEVED, TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THE PEOPLES OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH BETTER UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF RESOLVING PROBLEMS IN A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE AND UNDERSTANDING, AND TO ENSURE THAT THE INTERESTS AND CONCERNS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED IN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL APPROACH THE PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS IN A COMPASSIONATE AND POSITIVE WAY. IN SOME AREAS WE BELIEVE THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE. IN OTHERS, IT IS LIKELY

THAT RESULTS WILL BE MORE MODEST. IN STILL OTHERS, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT PROPOSALS OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS WOULD DIRECTLY UNDERMINE INSTITUTIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO THE WORKINGS OF THE INDUS-

TRIALIZED ECONOMIES. IN ORDER TO MAKE THE PROGRESS  
WHICH WE HOPE FOR, WE MUST CLEARLY APPRECIATE THE  
LIMITATIONS AS WELL AS THE OPPORTUNITIES.

A CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE WHICH TAKES THIS INTO ACCOUNT  
WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING  
STRONG DOMESTIC SUPPORT TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE OUR  
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS  
ON THE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS  
AND ADDRESS MORE DIRECTLY THE NEEDS OF THE POOR MAJOR-  
ITIES IN THESE NATIONS. IT WILL HELP US FURTHER TO  
OBTAIN DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR PROGRESS IN THE MULTILATERAL  
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND IN OTHER NEGOTIATIONS OF VITAL  
INTEREST TO THE DEVELOPING NATIONS. I REMAIN COMMITTED  
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TO TANGIBLE PROGRESS, AND I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE ARE AS WELL. IF WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO SHAPE  
A CONSTRUCTIVE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE, THE MORE JUST,  
PROSPEROUS AND EQUITABLE WORLD WE BOTH WANT WILL HAVE  
AN EXCELLENT CHANCE OF BEING REALIZED. SINCERELY

(SIGNED) JIMMY CARTER UNQTE. CHRISTOPHER

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